



UTAH COLLECTIONS PRESERVATION PROGRAM

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OUTLINE

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- Collections Preservation Team (CPT)
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INTRODUCTION TO UTAH COLLECTIONS PRESERVATION



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Press Release

NEH Announces \$33 Million for 213 Humanities Projects Nationwide

Grant awards support innovative digital projects for the public, humanities initiatives on college campuses, and infrastructure projects at cultural institutions.



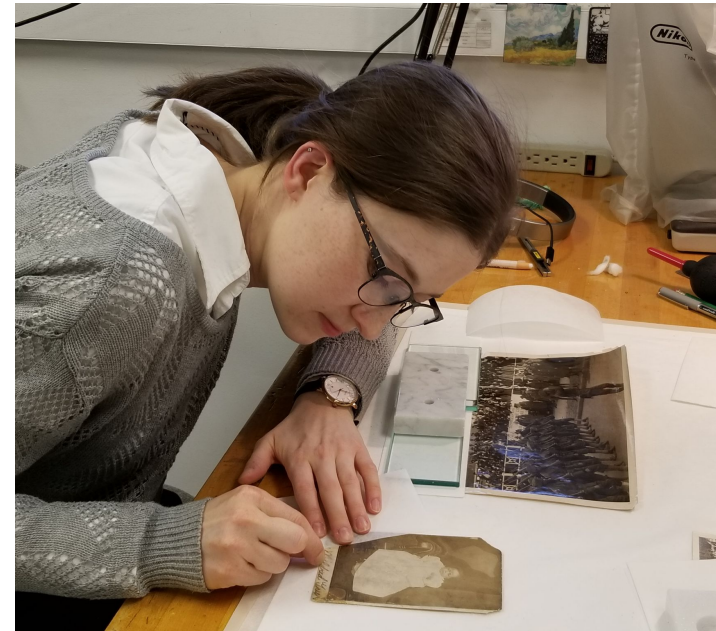
INTRODUCTION TO UTAH COLLECTIONS PRESERVATION



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INTRODUCTION: MARIE DESROCHERS, PRESERVATION OUTREACH COORDINATOR

- Originally from Arkansas
- Experience working in conservation laboratories at museums, archives, and in archaeological research centers across the country
- Most recently at Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
- Specialized in Preventive Conservation
- Will graduate with a Master's of Science in Art Conservation in August 2021



GOALS FOR COLLECTIONS PRESERVATION PROGRAM

- Establish and train a **7 member** Collections Preservation Team
- Increase preservation knowledge and skills in the state through monthly webinars and quarterly in-person workshops
- Build a network of preservation professionals in regions of the state outside the Wasatch Front
- Support small, rural collections



PROGRAM OVERVIEW: COLLECTIONS PRESERVATION TEAM

- **Who:** Collections stewards from small organizations and/or rural areas in the state of Utah
- **What:** A 7-member team who will complete a course of preservation training and a project specific to their institution
- **When:** Training over 2 calendar years, 2022-2024
- **Why:** Increase preservation knowledge and skills and build network of preservation professionals to support collections in regions beyond the Wasatch Front



PROGRAM OVERVIEW: COLLECTIONS PRESERVATION TEAM

- **Cost:** There is no cost to participate
- **Stipends** will be available to support travel to workshops
- **Additional funding** available to support each mentored project
- **Training** will include CPT meetings, total of 12 online webinars and 4 two-part workshops with assignments
- **Preservation Assessment**
- **Evaluation** will determine certification
- **Continued engagement** with others and the State



TIMELINE



ADDITIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- Webinars: emergency planning, collections storage planning, rehousing, collections policies and care
- Workshops: environmental monitoring and housekeeping, policies and collections management, object handling and basic conservation
- On-site preservation assessments
- Consulting by phone



BENEFITS

- Practical skills and resources for collections preservation
- Networking with other participating institutions
- Little to no cost to participate
- Minimal time commitment while steadily improving preservation knowledge



Questions?

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